

I want to say how shocked I am that what I have always thought to be an honest, decent, fair national broadcasting company (NBC) would agree to put on such a biased, indeed false, program as Stolen Honor--without even attempting to allow Senator Kerry and his campaign the opportunity to challenge it . I am also shocked that the FCC would allow such a situation to develop.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.